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- 1. PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE CALLED IN EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER LATE MORNING JUNE 24.
- 2. UPON HER ARRIVAL, THE PUBLIC SECURITY INVESTIGATING OFFICER (COL. SHEWAYE) INFORMED CONSOFF THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO EXPELL RICHARD HANNA, WHO MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN 24 HOURS (VIZ., MORNING JUNE 25). ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES INTENDED CONVEY HANNA DIRECTLY FROM JAIL TO AIRPORT. CONSOFF WAS INVITED TO ACCOMPANY HIM.
- 3. CONSOFF WAS REQUESTED TO RETURN BY 1500 HOURS LOCAL TODAY WITH HANNA'S TICKET, WHICH SHE WILL DO. IT WAS AGREED THAT HANNA'S ATTORNEY MIGHT JOIN HER. PUBLIC SECURITY PROMISED TO HAND OVER HANNA'S PASSPORTS TO CONSOFF AT THAT TIME.
- 4. CONSOFF WAS INFORMED THAT "EMBASSY WOULD BE NOTIFIED AS TO HANNA'S POSSESSIONS."
- 5. AT THIS POINT HANNA WAS BROUGHT INTO THE ROOM AND INFORMED OF HIS IMPENDING EXPULSION MORNING JUNE 25. HANNA REACTED BY EXPRESSING DESIRE TO LEAVE EVENING JUNE 25 SO AS TO BE ENABLED CONFIDENTIAL

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SETTLE CERTAIN PERSONAL MATTERS.

6. WHEN CONSOFF RETURNED AS REQUESTED THIS AFTERNOON, MAJOR ASSEFA TOLD HER TO COME BACK TOMORROW (JUNE 25) MORNING AS WRITTEN ORDERS NOT YET IN HAND AND HE COULD NOT PROCEED WITHOUT THEM.

7. FONMIN CONFIRMED DECISION TO EXPEL HANNA TO AMBASSADOR TODAY. FONMIN'S STATEMENT TO BE REPORTED SEPARATELY WITH OUR COMMENTS. HUMMEL

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